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SUBJECT: HLG ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS - PREPARATION
FOR UNCTAD

1. SUMMARY: FEBRUARY 10 SESSION OF NORTH/SOUTH GROUP
WAS CONCENTRATED ON DISCUSSION OF UNCTAD IV OBJECTIVES.
U.S. MADE FULL PRESENTATION OF ITS VIEWS ON BROAD
STRATEGY. OTHER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS
MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS, WITH SOME EC MEMBER STATES SPEAK-
ING INDIVIDUALLY. EXCHANGE SHOWED SOME DIFFERENCE OF
OPINION ON BOTH IMPORTANCE AND POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING
SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN UNCTAD. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER OPENING REMARKS BY GENEVA GROUP B CHAIRMAN
PUTTMAN ON RELATION BETWEEN UNCTAD AND THE DIALOGUE, U.S.
GAVE DETAILED EXPOSITION OF ITS VIEWS ON UNCTAD OB-
JECTIVES AND PLACE OF UNCTAD IN OVERALL NORTH/SOUTH
DIALOGUE. U.S. DEL NOTED THAT PROBLEM OF SUSTAINING
IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE OF DC-LDC RELATIONS HAD TO
BE VIEWED OVER PERIOD OF COMING 12 MONTHS. CIEC, UNCTAD
AND THE U.N. WERE ALL PART OF A CONTINUING PROCESS OVER
COURSE OF 1976, TO BE CAPPED BY CIEC MINISTERIAL.
NATURE OF PROCESS, POLITICAL FACTORS AND AMBITIOUS SCOPE
OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION'S WORK PROGRAM ALL LIMITED DC'S
FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO NEW DEPARTURES. TIMING OF
NEGOTIATING ACHIEVEMENTS OVER 1976 ARE, THEREFORE,
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, WITH CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT MOST NECESSARY ELEMENT TO MAINTAIN PACE
OF DIALOGUE. CIEC HAD POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF MANAGE-
ABILITY, MODERATE PACE AND BUSINESS-LIKE APPROACH TO
ISSUES. HOWEVER, IT ALSO CARRIED DISADVANTAGES, E.G.,
RESTRICTED NATURE, NO CLEAR MECHANISM FOR STEP-BY-STEP
ACHIEVEMENT, NO CLEARLY DEFINED LINK TO COMPETENT INSTI-
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TUTIONS AND PROBABLY NO PUBLIC IMPACT OF RESULTS UNTIL
FINAL MINISTERIAL. UNCTAD IV THUS MAY TAKE ON PARTICULAR
IMPORTANCE WITH ITS UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH FINITE,
HIGHLY VISIBLE RESULTS. U.S. DEL STRESSED THAT CONFRON-
TATIONAL, UNPRODUCTIVE SESSION WOULD BE SERIOUS SET-BACK,
BUT ACROSS-THE-BOARD ADVANCE ON ALL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY
IN STRENGTHENING UNCTAD'S INSTITUTIONAL ROLE, COULD ALSO
PRESENT PROBLEM OF WEAKENING CIEC BY PRODUCING UNSUS-

TAINABLE EARLY CRESCENDO. TO MEET THIS DILEMMA, U.S. DEL RECOMMENDED STRATEGY FOR UNCTAD CONCENTRATING ON: (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION PROGRAM; (2) INTRODUCING A LIMITED NUMBER OF NEW ELEMENTS TO ADD A FRESH IMPULSE; AND (3) DIRECTING FOCUS OF UNCTAD TO SPECIFIC FUNCTIONAL AREAS SUCH AS THE FIELD OF COMMODITIES AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO WORK TOWARD REDUCTION IN ALREADY EXISTING NUMBER OF GLOBAL DC/LDC DIALOGUES.

3. OTHER DELEGATES DID NOT YET APPEAR TO HAVE FULLY CONSIDERED IMPLICATIONS OF INTERPLAY BETWEEN CIEC AND UNCTAD IV NOR HAVE THEY DEVISED STRATEGY FOR UNCTAD IV. LUXEMBOURG DELEGATE, SPEAKING FOR EC, SPECIFICALLY SAID EC MEMBERS HAD NOT YET COME TO THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS AS TO WHICH ISSUES SHOULD BE BROACHED AT UNCTAD AND COULD ONLY SAY HE ACKNOWLEDGED DILEMMA NOTED BY U.S. DEL AND EXPRESSED HOPE CIEC AND UNCTAD IV WOULD BE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE. OTHER EC DELS WISHING TO SPEAK DID SO. DUTCH DEL ECHOED LUXEMBOURG COMMENT, WHEREAS FRANCE AND U.K. TOOK LINE THAT IT REALLY NOT IMPORTANT THAT THERE

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BE SELECTED CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE AT UNCTAD IV.
FRENCH DEL EMPHASIZED PRIMACY OF CIEC, SAYING IT WAS
ONLY AN ACCIDENT UNCTAD IV SCHEDULED CLOSE TO ITS COM-
MENCEMENT, AND SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT ONLY THAT DC'S
AGAIN INDICATE THEIR GOOD WILL AND READINESS TO NEGO-
TIATE CONCRETELY IN CIEC. HE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED
NOTION THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SELECT SPECIFIC
ISSUES FOR NEGOTIATION IN UNCTAD IV. U.K. DEL EVEN WENT
FURTHER, SAYING ALL THAT NEED BE DONE TO GIVE UNCTAD IV
APPEARANCE OF SUCCESS WAS TO INDICATE TO G-77 THAT
RESULTS ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THEM WERE EXPECTED IN
CIEC, JUST AS 7TH SS HAD BEEN MADE A SUCCESS BY INDICAT-
ING RESULTS WERE TO BE EXPECTED AT UNCTAD IV. (U.K.
LEFT UNANSWERED QUESTION OF TO WHOM CIEC WOULD HAND OFF
EVERYTHING TO ACHIEVE ITS SUCCESS.) SWEDISH DEL AGREED
WITH U.S. THAT FOCUS OF UNCTAD IV SHOULD BE ON CARRYING
OUT SELECTED ACTIONS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION OF 7TH SS,
AND HE AND NORWEGIAN DEL, ALONG WITH OECD
SECRETARIAT (BLACK), EMPHASIZED THE PRIMACY OF ACTION IN

THE COMMODITY FIELD AT UNCTAD IV. SWEDISH DEL IMPLIED
AGREEMENT WITH U.S. THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF
UNCTAD INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WERE GIVEN TOO MUCH PROMI-
NENCE BY G-77, AS INDICATED IN MANILA DECLARATION.
CANADIAN DEL PREFERRED TO SOUND WARNING THAT IF DC'S
WISH UNCTAD IV TO BE A SUCCESS, THEY MUST MAKE DIFFICULT
DECISIONS IN NEAR FUTURE ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO G-77.
TODAY'S DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH NO CONSENSUS ON
APPROACH TO UNCTAD IV.
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